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From: Kim Matherne
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 1:49 PM
To: Alfreda Bester; Kim Glapion-Bertrand
Cc: Sammy Guillory
Subject: RE: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion

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From: Alfreda Bester
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 1:06 PM
To: Kim Matherne; Kim Glapion-Bertrand
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Thanks, Kim.

Can you tell me how much money is at issue in the late submission?

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From: Kim Matherne
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 7:01 AM
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The contract states that invoices are to be submitted 15 days after the month of services. When the contract terminates, we give the contractor up to 30 days to submit their final invoice. I understand being accommodating but I also must point out that my Contract staff is severely understaffed (and we have someone out on FMLA) and asking them to continue to allow contractors to "bend" the rules only adds to their workload and stress. I also know that they depend on our funding to provide services however, this particular invoice was submitted four months after the termination of the contract.....

From: Alfreda Bester
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 5:00 PM
To: Kim Matherne; Kim Glapion-Bertrand
Cc: Sammy Guillory
Subject: RE: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion

Thanks, Kim.

Will you please check to see how long the contractor has from the date the costs are incurred to submit an invoice/request for reimbursement (for the February invoice)? There must be some time between the end date of the

contract and the date a final invoice is submitted. If there was no deadline, let's be as accommodating as possible. I understand that the contractor depends on our payments for their survival.

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From: Kim Matherne
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:30 PM
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Subject: RE: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion

Hi Freda.....

The contracts for Alternative to Abortion terminated on February 29, 2016 and an RFP was issued. In the meantime, emergency contracts were signed for both current contractors (Family Values Resource Institute and Caring to Love Ministries) for March 1 – June 20, 2016. It was intended that the new contract(s) would be in place by July 1, 2016, however, the RFP had to be pulled and reissued because the department failed to notify the Board of Regents of the RFP. The RFP has been released again and we are working on another emergency contract to avoid a lapse in services.

FVRI has been paid for March, April, and May invoices and a March supplement. Their June invoice was received on July 19th and is currently being processed. The deadline they were given of this Friday was not imposed by our staff but was imposed by SRM as their cutoff (Division of Administration). The invoice Ms. Thomas is upset about (my staff informed me of this earlier today) is an invoice that was submitted in June for a bill from February 15, 2016 (four months after the contract terminated). We cannot pay an invoice for a contract that has terminated.

Dora Thomas, Program Manager over contracts is out sick this afternoon (and likely won't be in tomorrow as she was running fever and I sent her home!) so I will have to get additional details either when she returns or possibly tomorrow from the Program Consultant working with Ms. Thomas regarding the amount of funding.

Thanks
Kim

From: Alfreda Bester
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 3:43 PM
To: Kim Matherne; Kim Glapion-Bertrand
Subject: FW: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion
Importance: High

Good afternoon, Kim(s).

Can you tell me what is going on with the Family Values Resource Institute (Alternatives to Abortion) program? Senator Barrow is concerned that they have been advised that they may not be paid for services rendered between April 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016. Please advise ASAP, as it is my understanding that they are working on a deadline imposed by our staff.

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From: Terri Ricks
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 2:53 PM
To: Sammy Guillory; Alfreda Bester
Subject: Fwd: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion

Alfreda,
Would you like to handle? I'm happy to.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Makesha Judson <Makesha.Judson.DCFS@LA.GOV>
Date: July 27, 2016 at 2:49:48 PM CDT
To: Terri Ricks <Terri.Ricks.DCFS@LA.GOV>
Subject: Sen. Barrow: Alternatives to Abortion

Good afternoon Terri,

I got a call from Senator Barrow today regarding a constituent who has the Alternative to Abortions Grant and would like to apply for the new RFP. They are having several problems with being able to close out the current grant that was under an emergency extension and would like to apply for the new RFP.

The organization is Family Values Resource Institute with Barbara Thomas.

Senator Barrow asked that you would give her a call at (225) 202-1785, so she could understand the process. She also wanted to know if there was any way we could assist this organization. She is not expecting a phone call today, but hopefully by the end of the week.

Sincerely,

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